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23 February 1961

DEPUTIES' MEETING

25X1 Present: Mr. Dulles, General Cabell, Mr. Bissell (part of meeting),
25X1 Mr. Amory, Colonel White, Mr. Kirkpatrick, Mr. Helms,
Mr. Barnes, Mr. Sheldon, Mr. Kent, [redacted]
[redacted]

MR. DULLES:

25X1 a. Stated he wanted to be sure that we are making use of all
available talent in our [redacted] operations, and said he assumed we are
using people who worked on PBSUCCESS and other similar operations.
25X1 Mr. Barnes assured him that full use is being made of the knowledge
gained by officers in previous programs of this nature. The Director
[redacted] then commented it would be useful if the Agency maintained a list of
all people who participate in this activity in order that they may be
readily available at a moment's notice -- in short, a cadre of experts.
He also commented consideration should be given to compiling a list
25X1 [redacted] whom we could lay our hands on as
required. Action: DD/P

25X1 b. Noted several cables pertaining to the situation [redacted]
and after discussing the sensitivity of the source of this information,
it was agreed that DD/P would prepare "a short paragraph" which the
25X1 Director can use in his briefing at the NSC meeting scheduled for
24 February.

25X1 c. Noted he had had a most interesting conversation yesterday
25X1 with [redacted] who has just returned from a trip to
[redacted] The Director said it was imperative
that action be taken to beef up our activities [redacted] particularly in
25X1 view of [redacted]
there. Mr. Helms noted that [redacted] is being covered to some extent
25X1 but we have always experienced difficulties [redacted] in setting
25X1 up covert activities [redacted] Mr. Helms
25X1 stated, however, in response to a query from the Director, that he
would furnish the Director a report of our activities in this area. It
25X1 was also suggested that [redacted] is becoming increasingly important
25X1 and steps should be taken [redacted] in assisting us in
covering this area too. Action - DD/P

d. Noted a report contained in a State Department Despatch indicating that [] who has been [] in Moscow was now in London and prepared "to tell all" about the ill treatment he had received from the Soviets. []

Action: DD/P

e. Noted a State cable from Moscow (#1967 dated 18 February) regarding Mr. Hammer's conversation with Soviet officials, and asked what we knew about this individual. Mr. Sheldon said we had been working for some time trying to find out more about Hammer and had been able to pull together some information. At the Director's request, Mr. Sheldon undertook to prepare a memorandum covering this matter which the DCI may wish to forward to the Department of State.

MR. KIRKPATRICK:

a. Reported on the status of the [] and stated it was recommended that he be suspended as of this date. The Director agreed but made it clear no reason should be given for the suspension. Mr. Kirkpatrick also commented that apparently [] not only anticipates being suspended but also would not be surprised if he is fired outright.

b. Reported that he and J. C. King had recently talked with [] who had just returned from a trip to [] and it was their opinion that the situation there leaves much to be desired and in fact [] could well become another []

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